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# Timely Tidbits ... 170+ To Take Part in Citywide Yard Sale

Bargain hunters from the entire Downriver area won't want to miss the annual Romulus Citywide Yard Sale, set for May 15–18. (If two or more of the sale dates are "rained out," the event will be postponed to the weekend of May 29–June 1.)

For a complete list of the 170+ sale sites, please see page 8.

#### Candidates File for Brownstown Primary

Brownstown voters will whittle down a crowded ballot in the State Primary, set for August 5.

Seeking the office of Supervisor will be incumbent Arthur Wright, David Novak, Richard Sexton, and Richard Smith.

Candidates for Clerk are incumbent Sherry Berecz-Burton, Marsha Dingman, and Suzanne Harris.

Running for Treasurer are incumbent Diane Philpot, Andrew Linko, Leonard Mannausa, and Clyde Walters.

Candidates for the four trustee positions are incumbents Albert Mann and Ed Neal as well as Larry Arreguin, Michael Eberth, Todd Pappas, Theresa Rybiski, Richard Sexton, Kevin Stoltz, James Taft, Clyde Walters, Barbara Warren, Laura West, and David Zurawski.

#### Kuderik, Funderburg Elected to School Board

With a dismal turnout of just 878 voters for the annual Romulus Community Schools Board of Education election, held on May 6, incumbent Thomas Kuderik easily secured one of two available seats with 550 votes.

Also elected by a comfortable margin was third-time candidate Danielle Funderburg, whose 491 votes put her in the seat currently occupied by Betty Lenossi, who did not seek reelection.

Challengers Derran Shelby, Carl Brooks, and Jay Williams received 260, 164, and 94 votes, respectively.

Kuderik and Funderburg will officially begin their four-year terms on July 1, 2008.

All totals are unofficial.

# Judge Parrott Unopposed in Reelection Bid

Judge David M. Parrott will be unopposed when he seeks reelection to the 34th District Court bench this November.

The court – which serves the cities of Belleville and Romulus as well as the townships of Huron, Sumpter, and Van Buren – is among the busiest district courts in Michigan.

The 48-year-old Parrott was first elected in 2002, succeeding then-retiring Judge William J. Szlinis.

"I believe I've dispensed justice fairly and firmly, with compassion and understanding," said Parrott. "I'm looking forward to continuing to serve the community, and excited to have this opportunity."

In addition to the performing duties typically addressed in a district court, Parrott and his fellow judges also oversee some noteworthy programs.

According to Judge Parrott, "With the support of my colleagues, Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green and Judge Brian A. Oakley, we have developed specialty court programs to address specific needs in the community. In addition to our very successful work program, where defendants repay their debts to society through community service, I'm responsible for the domestic violence court,

while Judge Green oversees sobriety court and Judge Oakley the juvenile diversion court.

"We have had great success in each of these areas," he continued, "and will continue guiding offenders in breaking the cycle of failure to become productive, lawabiding citizens."

Judge Parrott says he's also proud of his record of community involvement. Besides being selected as the Huron Valley Conservation Association's Noble Hamrick Member of the Year for 2005 and the Belleville Boys & Girls Club's Outstanding Volunteer Leader for 2007–2008, he is an active member of the Belleville Rotary Club, the Belleville and Romulus Boys & Girls Clubs advisory councils, the Citizens Helping Improve Public Safety advisory committee, and the Belleville Area and Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce groups, and additionally belongs to the Belleville Moose and Van Buren Eagles.

Professionally, Parrott is a member of the American Judges Association, the American Judicature Society, and the American Constitution Society; serves as secretary to the Wayne County District Judges Association; and maintains the Michigan District



Judge David M. Parrott

Judges Association directory.

In his free time, he runs regularly, and also enjoys hunting, fishing, golfing, and skiing.

Parrott says he looks forward to meeting as many members of the community as possible to discuss their concerns and address their questions.

# RCHS Basketball Team Is State Champion

The Romulus Community High School Lions boys' basketball team won the 2008 Michigan Alternative Athletic Association (MAAA) Class "B" State Championship with a 65–54 win over its biggest rival, Flint Beecher. This was the Lions' third state championship in the last four years.

To reach the final game, the Lions, coached by Charles TenBroeck, defeated Jackson's Tomlinson in the state quarter-finals (58–42) and Omega of Grand Rapids in the state semifinals (63-38).

According to TenBroeck, Flint Beecher had beaten the 11–4 Lions by 11- and 13-point margins in two regular-season games, so his players regarded the finals as a tall assignment. Beecher was hot early, taking a 7-point lead and maintaining it until right before halftime, when Lions point guard Terry Bumper hit a running 30-foot shot at the buzzer to trim the lead down to 4.

"That was a huge shot for us," said Bumper. "We had a very shaky first half, and that shot gave us some momentum heading into the locker room."

The second half was all Lions, who outscored Beecher by 15 points. Ray Everett was electric, scoring a game-high 31 points

despite garnering all the attention from Beecher's defense.

"They were bumping Ray all up and down the court, trying to get him off of his game," said TenBroeck. "But Ray kept focused and played through it to have his best game at the best time."

Bumper was equally as impressive, scoring 29 points and doing a tremendous job running the team's offense.

Defense was just as important.

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Congratulations to the Romulus Community High School boys' basketball team, which won the 2008 Michigan Alternative Athletic Association Class "B" state championship for the third time in four years. The Lions are: (from left) front – Justin Thompson, Lamonthe Nance-Young, Desmond Wills, Corey Wilson, Terry Bumper, and James Wells; back – Robert Booker, Vincent Barksdale, Ray Everett, and Devon Smith.

# Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: All letters to the editor MUST contain the writer's signature and a telephone number where he/she can be reached to verify the letter's authenticity.

Names will be withheld by request only in exceptional cases where, in our opinion, there is a legitimate reason to do so. All letters requesting anonymity will be treated confidentially, regardless of whether or not they are

The little paper reserves the right to edit all letters for clarity and, if necessary, brevity.

As always, opinions expressed in "Letters to the Editor" are not necessarily shared by the staff of the little paper.

#### Romulus Resident Is Sorry To Say, "I Told You So"

To the Editor:

About three years ago, I approached the City of Romulus administration about requiring protective fencing (cyclone) around retention ponds in the interest of public safety (or, in a better choice of words, to save a child's life). I appeared before City Council and asked them to rule in favor of such a requirement. Nothing was done; the issue "fell between the cracks" and was apparently forgotten.

I then appeared in front of the Planning Commission, but was advised to go back before the Council.

Before returning to the Mayor and Council to plead my case once again, I drove to Port Huron and took pictures of cyclonefenced retention ponds from there all the way back to Clinton Township. I had the pictures developed and presented them at the next Council meeting to show the variety of places (an Art Van store, apartment complexes, etc.) that had protective fencing around their retention ponds. Still, no action was taken!

Then, approximately one year ago, I approached the Mayor and Council, asking again if they had done anything about the fencing. I was delighted to hear Councilman Bill Wadsworth say something like, "Let's act on this. I'm getting tired of hearing about it and nothing being done." Mayor Lambert's comment was that it all takes time.

Well, how much time is that, Mr. Mayor?

When I went before the Mayor and Council, I asked, "Just what price do you put on saving a child's life?" And then, looking straight at the Mayor, I said, "I hope I don't have to come back in front of you and say, 'I told you so.''

Yet, now that a little girl has drowned in a retention pond right here in Romulus, that is exactly what I have to do.

A committee was supposed to be formed to study the need for putting fencing around our community's retention ponds. Who is on that committee, and what (if anything) did they come up with? Will there be a new ordinance addressing this?

At one point, I had a conversation with Tim Keyes, the City's Economic Development director, and he told me that he was going to recommend no fencing. I said, Everybody has a right to their opinion, but you must take more into consideration than your own feelings." Why, Mr. Keyes, are you not interested in saving a child's life?

All I want is for this administration to go on the record as being interested (or not interested) in protecting our children.

Ed Buczkowski

Romulus

P.S.: And, no, I'm not going to run for Council again!

#### Thanks to Animal Shelter's **Bowling Benefit Donors**

To the Editor:

A 9-Pin No-Tap Tournament held at Romulus Lanes on April 25 raised more than \$2,100 toward the construction of a new animal shelter in Romulus.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all who participated in the tournament, as well as to the following for their generous donations:

- Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert
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- (the late) Frank Ayers
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- Westland Fire Extinguisher
- Wiseguys Pizza (Romulus)

Altogether (as of May 6, 2008), the Friends of the New Romulus Animal Shelter Fund has received more than \$127,000 in cash donations. The dream goes on!

Councilman Bill Wadsworth City of Romulus

P.S.: See you at the Romulus Pumpkin Festival Bingo Benefit, set for the weekend of September 19-21. (Anyone who would like to volunteer for the event can reach me at 734-941-0616.)



#### Thank you, for your encouragement, confidence and never giving up on me!

It's been an amazing journey that has taught me to never give up on what I believe. I believe that Romulus is a great community and as a Board member, I'll work hard to ensure that our children achieve their dreams too. A special thanks to Romulus Community Schools Local 64-AFSCME Council 25 for their official endorsement.

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# Capitol Update

## House Transportation Committee Considers Restricting Drivers' Cell Phone Usage, Texting

By State Representative Hoon-Yung Hopgood, 22nd District of Michigan

The House Transportation Committee heard testimony on three bills that would prohibit the use of a hand-held cell phone while driving, as well as prohibit sending or reading a text message while driving. The proposed legislation – House Bills 4982, 5117, and 5396 – would make it a civil infraction to use a cell phone or wireless communication device to place or receive a call, engage in conversation, or compose, send, or read a text message while operating a vehicle.

Penalties for using a cell phone would require a secondary offense, meaning that a ticket could be issued only if the driver is detained for another driving violation, such as speeding.

The bills permit a driver's cell phone usage under select circumstances, as in times when he/she:

- needs to report an emergency/accident or seek emergency service;
- uses the phone to carry out the duties of a law enforcement officer; or
- is using a hands-free device, such as a Bluetooth headset, Ford Motor Company Sync, or General Motors OnStar.

Testimony before the Committee stated that cell phone usage is particularly dangerous because it is a cognitive distraction under which the driver does not realize he or she is distracted. A cognitive distraction was contrasted with a physical distraction, such as eating a sandwich or reaching for an item, during which the driver is aware that his or her attention is split between driving and the action, and compensates accordingly ... and, thus, is less likely to cause an accident. Testimony also suggested that a statewide standard will help prevent confusion - and accidental violations - from drivers who travel between cities like Detroit and Dearborn, that have passed their own local ordinances restricting cell phone usage, and those that have not.

The Committee will continue to hear testimony on this important issue.

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Concealed Weapons Legislation Clarified

The House passed House Bill 5969 to clean up several provisions of Michigan's concealed weapons legislation. The bill expands the definition of eligible applicants for a concealed weapons permit to include members of the military on active duty stationed in Michigan, and active duty servicemen and -women stationed outside the state but who retain primary residence in Michigan.

The bill further allows certain officers who are issued a concealed weapons license for their employment to carry their weapon while off-duty. Such officers include auxiliary officers or reserve officers of a police or sheriff's department, corrections officers of a county sheriff's office, members of a sheriff's posse, parole or probation officers of the department of corrections, and motor carry officers or capitol security officers of the State Police.

Additionally, should this bill pass the Senate, anyone convicted of fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct will rightly be prohibited from receiving a concealed weapons permit, and the license of anyone who violates the concealed weapons regulations will be revoked.

# May Is Asian Pacific American Heritage

I will be introducing a House Resolution this week to declare May 2008 as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in the state of Michigan. The resolution recognizes the more than 200,000 Michigan residents of Asian and Pacific Island descent, and commemorates the invaluable contributions of Asian Pacific Americans to the state.

Asian Pacific American Week was first celebrated nationally in 1979, and was expanded into a month-long commemoration in 1992. In Michigan, we have recognized Asian Pacific American Heritage Month since 2003.

For the past six years, I have organized a celebration of Asian and Pacific Islander culture in Lansing with members of the Michigan Legislature. I am excited to announce that this year's Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Celebration will take place on May 27, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at the State Capitol Building. The event is free and open to the public.

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## "Poppy Days" Benefit Nation's Veterans



Taylor Councilman Butch Ramik (left) and Mayor Cameron G. Priebe (second from right) were among the first to purchase poppies from members of American Legion Auxiliary Post 200 in Taylor. With them are (from left) Sharon Martin of the Auxiliary's executive board, sergeant at arms Anna Tucker, secretary Jan Deinhart, and her husband, American Legion Commander Tim Deinhart. Mayor Priebe proclaimed May 15–17 as Poppy Days in the City of Taylor. Auxiliary members will sell poppies citywide. (Photo by Kathleen Trent)

During the annual Poppy Days (May 15–17), the Ladies Auxiliary of American Legion Post 200 (Taylor) will raise money for rehabilitation and assistance for veterans by selling their familiar paper blossoms in city neighborhoods and outside the Taylor Wal-Mart on Telegraph Road near Ecorse Road.

Auxiliary members accept donations of any size.

Poppy Days are an American Legion tradition dating back more than 70 years. They remind Americans that millions have sacrificed their lives and health to keep the United States strong and free. The poppies that grew wild on the battlefields of Flanders became, in the minds of the doughboys of World War I, a symbol of the sacrifice they endured. Poppies flourished among the shelled buildings and throughout the bomb-scarred landscape. Their red petals —"so

much like the blood that had been shed there" – became a sign of hope and renewal for those who lived and walked away. For those who would never leave – "those who had sacrificed their lives" – it was a perpetual memorial to their bravery.

American veterans brought home that image and planted it with the American Legion Auxiliary, where it has bloomed every year for the benefit of those who served their country.

On behalf of this year's Poppy Days, Taylor Mayor Cameron G. Priebe signed a proclamation naming May 15-17 Poppy Days in the City of Taylor. The Mayor urged all residents to purchase a poppy from an Auxiliary member to show their support for our heroes of war.

The Mayor and other City officials purchased their poppies during the May 6 City Council meeting.

# The family of MRS. MARY ADELE GEAR

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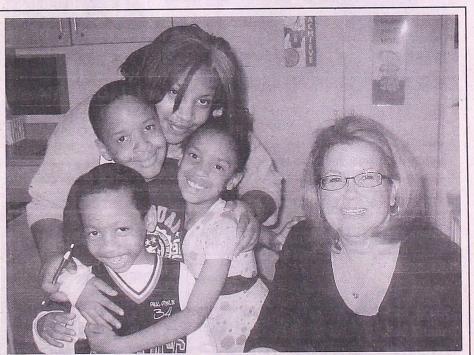
# Around Romulus



Members of the Romulus Christian Ministerial Association, parishioners, City of Romulus officials, and residents joined in the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 1, gathering at the Veterans Memorial near City Hall at noon to pray for our country and our city.



Among those who attended a May 2 dinner to honor Mark Lewkowicz (third from right), named Person of the Year by the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce, were (from left) former Chamber POTY winners Ronald Hopson, Richard Donahey, Maria Lambert, Florence Klein, Linda McNeil, and William Crane. Also present, but not pictured, were Dan Bales and Beverly McAnally.



Cory Elementary welcomed many soon-to-be kindergartners at the recent Kindergarten Extravaganza registration and orientation program. Participants like William James (future member of Cory's 2008-2009 kindergarten class) along with (from left) Rodrick Woodford (Cory student), Tiffany Hicks (mother), Briana Woodford (Cory student), and Kathy Hurst (literacy coach) - enjoyed activities like reading, and several lucky families went home with gift baskets or a \$100 VISA gift card. To find out about registering your future kindergartner, call your neighborhood school.

# "Going Green"



City of Taylor officials joined Holland Elementary fifth-graders for an Arbor Day planting on school grounds. Pictured are: (from left) back – Holland School principal Sue Massucci, Mayor Cameron Priebe, Councilwoman Susan Weycker, Parks and Recreation Commissioner Jeffrey Dobeck, Council Chairman Douglas Geiss, and Clerk Mary Ann Riley; front – Katelyn Wilkerson, Rose Dobek, Tyler Sousa, Lucas Paulovich, and Madison Turpin. (Photo by Kathleen Trent)



Parents and staff members helped fifth- and sixth-graders at Cory Elementary clean up Elmer Johnson Park in Romulus for their LEAGUE service-learning project on Earth Day. Pictured are: (from left) front – Alexander Bell, Quandral Thompson, Bianca Bellinger, and Jada McGinnis; back – LEAGUE coach Kathy Hurst, volunteers Keenan Brown and George Stubbs, and teacher JC Commander.

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# Around Taylor



Christian Bros. Scoops and Grill celebrated its grand opening in style on May 3. Attractions included a car-wash fund-raiser for the Romanian Church and live entertainment. Pictured with owner Mario Floarea (fourth from left) and Mayor Cameron Priebe (fifth from right) are (from left) Lemuel Buia, Candice McGuckin, Danny Kovacs, Christian Buia, Aurel Buia, Jake Borota, and Adrian Tirlea. The new coffee shop/grill/ice-cream purveyor is located at 22322 Goddard.



People of all ages braved rainy weather to participate in the Downriver Kidney

# Walk, held May 3 in Heritage Park.

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(From left) Alaura Dunnet (age 9), Rebecca Primm (13), Samantha Primm (12), and Angela Dunnet (1) loved posing with "Eddie" - an albino Burmese python who visited the Heritage Park Petting Farm May 3-4. Eddie is one of many creatures from the Whispering Pines Animal Kingdom traveling zoo. (Photos by Kathleen Trent)

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Numbers in parentheses refer to sale dates:

1=THURSDAY, MAY 15; 2=FRIDAY, MAY 16; 3=SATURDAY, MAY 17; 4=SUNDAY, MAY 18

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# Community Calendar

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174–0038; FAX it to 734-992-2052; or e-mail it to <a href="mailto:thelittlepaper@comcast.net">thelittlepaper@comcast.net</a> by 5 p.m. on Friday, May 23.

#### Belleville

#### "Thunder Rolls" Honors Veterans

Brown Funeral Home and Brown Family Center will sponsor "Thunder Rolls" – a Memorial Day celebration – on Monday, May 26. The program will begin with a police-escorted motorcycle cavalcade that will run from Wayne County Community College's Western Campus (Haggerty Road just north of I-94) to the Veterans Memorial in Horizon Park (High Street just east of Main Street). Registration and lineup will start at 11 a.m. in the college's front parking lot. All riders are welcome. Proceeds from the \$10-per-person registration fee will be used to help local veterans and their families through the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Afterward, the public is invited to join local veterans for a memorial service to be held at Horizon Park at about 2 p.m.

For information, call 734-697-5090 or e-mail <u>browngriefcenter@yahoo.com</u>.

#### "The Purple Gang Strikes Again"

The Belleville Area Historical Museum will present "The Purple Gang Strikes Again" – a dinner/interactive murder mystery set in 1931, and based on Detroit's own Purple Gang "capers" – on Tuesday, June 3, at the Bayou Grill (404 Main Street). Doors will open at 5:30 p.m.; the "murder" will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m.

A donation of \$35 covers a gourmet meal, the murder mystery event, and a museum contribution. Seating is extremely limited, so advance ticket purchase is highly recommended.

Call Van Buren Township historian Cathy Horste (734-697-3662) for info.

#### Basketball Champions

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"Despite big offensive performances, what really helped us was great team defense in the second half," TenBroeck noted.

Vincent Barksdale had 9 rebounds and 3 blocked shots. James Wells and Desmond Wills played amazing defense, and kept Beecher from penetrating the zone defense.

TenBroeck was perhaps most proud of his players' good sportsmanship.

"Most importantly, the team conducted themselves like champions, with a lot of pride and dignity off the court," he stated. "They handled winning the championship with class, and represented our schools and the city of Romulus the way it deserves."

#### Vacation Bible School

Maranatha Baptist Church (6250 Gilmore Street) is inviting children in grades kindergarten through six to attend "Power Lab: Discovering Jesus and His Miraculous Power." The free, science-themed program will be held Monday through Friday, June 23–27, from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

For information, call 734-484-1430 or visit <a href="http://tranquility123.googlepages.com">http://tranquility123.googlepages.com</a>.

#### Brownstown Township

#### "Adventure on the Open Range"

The Woodhaven-Brownstown Schools, in cooperation with the Brownstown and Woodhaven recreation departments, is offering an exciting new preschool program to help preschoolers prepare for their educational future. Children up to the age of 5 (accompanied by a parent or guardian) are invited to take part in the free program's next one-hour event — a musical adventure with imaginary horse riding, rock climbing, canoeing, and camping.

The program will be held at the Brownstown Community Center (21311 Telegraph) from 10 to 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 21.

For information, call 734-675-0920.

#### Kids' Fishing Derby

The 29th annual Kids' Fishing Derby will be held (rain or shine) at Pointe Mouille State Game Area (Campau Road) on Sunday, June 1, from 1 to 3 p.m. Trophies and prizes will be awarded for "longest fish," "smallest fish," and "most fish caught" in three divisions: ages 7 and under, 8 to 12, and 13 and over.

The event is free to kids 12 and under (must be accompanied by an adult). Ages 13 and over pay \$1.

Registration begins at noon at Pointe Mouille headquarters. Don't forget your bait and tackle!

#### "American Extravaganza"

The Brownstown Township Department of Parks and Recreation will host an "American Extravaganza" – featuring patriotic music performed by the Downriver Community Band – on Wednesday, June 11, at the Community Center (21311 Telegraph Road). The 7 p.m. benefit will help the department fund its recreation and educational programs.

Tickets are \$8 per person or \$64 for reserved tables of eight.

For information, call 734-675-0071.

#### **New Boston**

#### Nursery Accepting Applications for Fall

Huron Countryside Co-op Nursery (located in St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 19109 Craig Street) is now accepting applications for ages 30 months to 5 years.

The school's curriculum promotes social development and kindergarten readiness through activities such as art, music, exercise, field trips, and much more.

There is also a tots program for ages 18 months to 2 years.

Because parents help run the nonprofit, nondiscriminatory organization, spokespersons say tuition costs are very reasonable.

Call the school (734-753-5978) or Teresa (734-262-4523) for information.

#### Church Welcomes New Faces

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (19109 Craig Street) invites the public to the following weekly services/programs.

- Adult Bible Class (Sundays at 9 a.m.; Wednesdays at 10 a.m.)
- Sunday School (9 a.m.)
- Sunday Worship (10 a.m.; deaf-interpretation service on the second Sunday of each month)
- Wednesday Worship (7 p.m.)
   For information, call 734-753-9048.

#### Romulus

#### Free Dumping

Romulus residents (ID required) may dump nonhazardous household waste at the Department of Public Works (12600 Wayne Road) through May 17. Waste will be accepted from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Residents taking advantage of the free service must abide by the following rules.

- A maximum of two loads may be dumped per day/per household.
- Construction debris shall be limited to one pickup truckload per household.
- Contain all items in bags, boxes, or bundles for quick unloading.
- Do not dump any items without assistance from assigned DPW personnel.
- A maximum of four tires per household will be accepted. Tires must be kept separate from other debris.
- Each household may dispose of not more than three bulky items (such as furniture and Freon-free appliances).
- All refrigeration units must have a Freon-removal certification sticker.
- No small children will be allowed in the disposal area.

Items such as large car parts, lawn mowers, appliances containing Freon, hazardous wastes, explosives, flammables, paint, oil, antifreeze, solvents, poisons, pesticides, herbicides, concrete, and stumps/limbs/brush/sod/dirt will not be accepted.

For information, call 734-942-7579.

#### Alice in Wonderland

The Romulus High School Drama Club will present *Alice in Wonderland* at the school (9650 Wayne Road) on Thursday, May 15, at 5 p.m.; Friday, May 16, at 5 p.m., and Saturday, May 17, at 7 p.m.

Tickets (available at the door) are \$2.

#### Volunteers Needed for Clean Sweep Day

The City's annual Clean Sweep Day will be held Saturday, May 17, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information on how you (and your family, friends, or church/community group) can volunteer to help clean up your hometown, call 734-955-4502.

#### Craft/Garage Sale Fund-raiser

The Romulus Middle School cheer-leading squad will conduct a craft/garage sale fund-raiser in the school parking lot (37300 Wick Road) on Saturday, May 17, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Rental space (\$25; must provide own table) is still available.

Call the school (734-532-1700) for information.

#### Youth Basketball Clinic

The City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation will host a Meticulous Basketball skill development clinic at Romulus Middle School (37300 Wick Road) on Monday, May 19, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Cost for the clinic – open to boys and girls in grades 3–6 – is \$5 (cash only). Preregister at the Romulus Athletic Center (35765 Northline Road).

Call 734-941-8665 for information.

#### Historical Society Meets

The next meeting of the Romulus Historical Society will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 21, at the Romulus Historical Museum (11120 Hunt Street). The public is welcome.

For information, call 734-697-9628.

#### Hypnotherapy Sessions

The City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation will host hypnotherapy sessions on Stress Management (May 24) and Weight Reduction (June 7) from 12 to 1:30 p.m. at 11189 Shook Road.

Cost for each is \$25. Preregister at the Romulus Athletic Center (35765 Northline Road) by May 22 for the Stress Management session; June 5 for Weight Reduction.

For information, call 734-941-8665.

#### City Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Romulus City Council will be held at City Hall (11111 Wayne Road) on Tuesday, May 27, at 7:30

Most meetings are held on the first, second, and fourth Mondays of each month.

For information, call the City Clerk's Office at 734-942-7540 or visit the City's Web site: romulusgov.com.

#### Scrapbooking Adventures

The City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation's next Scrapbooking Adventure programs – open to ages 16 and up – will be held at 11189 Shook Road from 12 to 9 p.m. on May 31.

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#### Community Calendar

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Other upcoming dates include June 28, July 26, August 23, and September 27.

Preregister at the Romulus Athletic Center (35765 Northline Road) by May 30. A cost of \$20 per event covers at least three feet of crop space; dinner, snacks, and water; and a door-prize drawing. Scrapbooking supplies will be available for purchase from a vendor. Space is limited to the first 12 registrants.

For information, call 734-941-8665.

#### Low-cost Pet Wellness/Vaccines Clinic

Fluff-n-Puff Pet Grooming (36628 Goddard Road) is hosting a low-cost Wellness/Vaccines Clinic for dogs, cats, and ferrets on Sunday, June 1, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Available services will include inoculations, deworming, heartworm tests, fecal analyses, skin and ear exams, and microchip implantation - all at bargain prices.

Veterinary services (provided by Dr. John Hermann) must be paid with cash or check (valid ID required).

For information, call 734-229-0005.

#### Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Wayne County's Department of Environment will host a Household Hazardous Waste Collection for County residents only (proof of residency required) from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 7, at the Romulus Civic Center (11111 Wayne Road). The program is designed to accept unwanted household chemicals for proper disposal and electronics for recycling.

Items to be accepted include household paints, stains, dyes, floor- and carpetcare products, furniture polish, bathroom cleaners, stain removers, solvents, lawn and garden chemicals, pesticides, antifreeze, motor oil, gasoline, nail polish, glue, automotive batteries, dry-cell batteries, fluorescent bulbs, fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, mercury-based thermometers and thermostats, televisions, computers, monitors, keyboards, printers, scanners, copiers, fax machines, cell phones, etc.

Items that will not be accepted include commercial/industrial waste, radioactive material, explosives, ammunition, shocksensitive materials, 55-gallon drums, appliances, tires, concrete, yard waste, and household trash.

For information, contact the Wayne County Resource Recovery Coordinator (734-326-3936).

#### Father's Day Craft Project for Kids

A one-day craft class for local youths will be held at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road) on Saturday, June 7, at 10:30 a.m.

Although the program is free, preregistration is required.

For information, call 734-942-7589. School Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education will be held at the District's Administrative Offices (36540 Grant Street) on Monday, June 9, at 6:30 p.m.

Most meetings are held on the second and fourth Monday of each month.

For information, call 734-532-1600 or visit romulusk12.com.

#### Second Monday Book Club

Meetings of the Second Monday Book Club - open to everyone 18 and older are held at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road) from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Advance registration is not required for this free program; just read the suggested book, then drop in and enjoy the discussion and refreshments.

Books planned for discussion include:

- The Time Traveler's Wife by Audrey Niffenegger (June 9), and
- A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle (July 14).

For information, call 734-942-7589.

#### American Progressive Association Meets

The next meeting of the American Progressive Association of Romulus will be held at the Thomas Coleman Community Center (35351 Beverly Road) on Tuesday, June 10, from 6 to 8 p.m. (Board of Directors meets from 5 to 6 p.m.) Meetings are usually held on the second Tuesday of each month.

The public is welcome.

#### "Sounds in Downtown'

Enjoy free concerts at Romulus Historic Park (Hunt Street in the downtown area) from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on the following dates (all Fridays).

- June 13 (Romulus High School Jazz
- June 27 (Romulus church choirs perform a "Gospel Night" program)
- July 11 (Six Foot Poles performs classic rock)
- July 25 (Backbeats performs Beatles
- August 8 (Marsha Gayle performs Top 40s songs)
- August 22 (Straight Ahead performs R&B/jazz)

Bring your blankets and chairs. Concessions and "inflatables" will be available.

For information, call the City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation: 734-941-8665.

#### Craft & Vendor Show

The Ladies Ministry at Living Rock Church (33200 Ecorse Road) will host a Craft & Vendor Show on Saturday, June 14, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Space (\$25 per table; electrical usage \$10 extra) is still available for crafters and vendors (no food vendors, please; host will be selling concessions).

Call Gloria (313-574-4235 or Ann (734-968-1230) for information.

#### Historical Society Hosts Flea Market

The Romulus Historical Society's annual Flea Market will be held at Romulus Historical Park (Hunt Street next to the post office) on Saturday, June 21, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Food and refreshments will also be

Vendor spaces (\$15; must provide own table) are still available.

Call Gloria Chandler (734-941-2678) for information.

#### Free Museum, Historic House Tours

The Romulus Historical Museum and the historic Samuel L. Kingsley home located on Hunt Street near the post office - are open to the public each Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.

For information, call 734-697-9628.

#### **Taylor**

#### "Plant a Row for the Hungry"

The Taylor Conservatory Foundation is urging the public to take part in its "Plant a Row" project, which generates fresh produce to be donated to local food banks. Those who sign up will receive free plants.

Call Bruce Forrest (313-295-1889) for information.

#### Hopgood Hosts Coffee Talk

State Representative Hoon-Yung Hopgood invites his constituents to attend his next Coffee Talk to share their ideas and concerns about State government. The free program will be held at the Downriver Council for the Arts (20904 Northline Road) on Friday, May 16, from 9 to 11 a.m. Memorial Day Tribute

The City of Taylor's annual tribute to past and current members of the military will take place at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 17, in Cameron G. Priebe Plaza (outside City hall, 23555 Goddard Road).

The "day to remember" - traditionally held on National Armed Forces Day - will feature local veterans announcing the names of Taylor servicemen and -women killed during wartime, as well as the names of Taylor veterans who died in the past year.

Other highlights will include a wreathlaying ceremony, performances by the Harry S. Truman High School Band and the Taylor Community Chorus, and dignitaries' speeches.

A citywide Open House will follow. For information, contact David Gorgon, the City's Public Information director,

#### at 734-374-1447 or TaylorNews@aol.com. Citywide Open House

As part of its 40th anniversary celebration, the City of Taylor has planned a citywide open house to display the community's special features, businesses, and homes.

Visitors will want to begin their tour with a stop at City Hall (23555 Goddard Road), where information packets (including a list of homes for sale) and goody giveaways will be available. Booths will feature exhibits of Taylor Post Office collectibles as well as information from the Army Reserve Recruiting Command, various Taylor civic organizations and businesses, and the Taylor School District.

Other attractions will include bus tours of the city, highlighting neighborhoods, municipal/school facilities, and businesses.

#### City Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Taylor City Council will be held at Taylor City Hall (23555 Goddard Road) on Tuesday, May 20, at 7 p.m. Meetings are usually held on the first and third Tuesday of each month, with study sessions taking place the night prior to the regular meeting.

For more information, visit the City's Web site: www.cityoftaylor.com.

#### Taylor Schools' ArtsFest

The Taylor School District's annual ArtsFest will be held at the Taylor Sportsplex (13333 Telegraph Road) on Wednesday, May 21. A virtual arts show will start at 6:30 p.m.; elementary chorus students will begin singing at 7 p.m.

Admission is free.

#### "Gone with the Breeze"

The Taylor Youth Theater (sponsored by the City of Taylor Department of Parks and Recreation) will present Gone with the Breeze at the Sheridan Community Center (12111 Pardee Road, in Heritage Park) on the following dates.

- Friday, May 30, and Saturday, May 31, at 7:30 p.m.
- Friday, June 6, and Saturday, June 7, at 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, June 8, at 3 p.m.

Tickets (\$6 for students and senior citizens; \$8 for all other adults) are available at the door or by calling 734-374-3906 (or leaving a message at 313-303-5269). Discount rates (\$5 per person) are available for groups of 20 or more.

#### "Meet with the Mayor" Night

The City of Taylor's next "Meet with Mayor Cameron Priebe" night will be held at Taylor City Hall (23555 Goddard Road) on Monday, June 2, from 6 to 8 p.m. The open house program for Taylor residents is usually held on the Monday before the first council meeting of the month.

For more information, visit the City's Web site: www.cityoftaylor.com.

#### Water Aerobics

A 10-week Water Aerobics program will begin the week of June 2 at the Sheridan Community Center pool according to the following schedule.

- Session I Mondays, 6 to 7 p.m.
- Session II Mondays, 7 to 8 p.m.
- Session III Wednesdays, 6 to 7 p.m.
- Session IV Wednesdays, 7 to 8 p.m. (Note: No classes held July 9 or 14.)

Cost is \$48 per 10-week session or \$7 per day. Preregister at the Parks and Recreation office (22805 Goddard); no registrations will be taken at the pool.

For info, call 734-374-3906.

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# "Sassy Seniors" News

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#### Senior Discounts at New Athletic Center

The beautiful new Romulus Athletic Center is offering generous discounts on memberships for Brownstown senior citizens. Individuals can join for as little as \$215 per year; families (all members must be senior citizens) for as little as \$395.

Brownstown seniors can also purchase individual day passes for just \$6.75.

The RAC – located at 35765 Northline - is open Monday through Saturday from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Call 734-942-2223 for info.

#### Red Hat Society Fund-raiser

The Brownstown Feisty Red Hatters are inviting everyone to attend their spaghetti dinner fund-raiser, to be held at the Community Center on Thursday, June 12, from 4 to 7 p.m. The meal will include spaghetti and sauce, salad, bread, dessert, and

Cost is \$5 for adults or \$3 for children ages 4-10; kids 3 and under eat free. Tickets for a 50/50 raffle will also be sold at the dinner. Proceeds will be used to help reduce the price of activities for members.

#### Bingo Breakfast

The Senior Center's next Bingo Breakfast is set for Monday, May 19, at 9 a.m. Pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice, and coffee will be the menu for the morning.

A donation of \$2.50 is requested from those not playing bingo. Register in advance at the Recreation desk.

#### Adult Enrichment Classes

for nonresidents);

The Brownstown Senior Center will be offering several new enrichment classes for ages 18 and up.

Classes (which begin June 2, unless otherwise noted) will include:

- Arthritis Foundation Exercise Classes - beginner (10 to 10:45 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays; \$30 for residents or \$35 for nonresidents) and advanced (11 to 11:45 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays; \$30 for residents or \$35
- Acrylic Painting 10 to 10:45 a.m. on Mondays; \$40 for residents or \$45 for nonresidents;
- Watercolor Painting 11 to 11:45 a.m. on Mondays; \$40 for residents or \$45 for nonresidents;
- Digital Photography 1 to 1:45 p.m. on Mondays; \$40 for residents or \$45 for nonresidents; and
- Scrapbooking 1 to 3 p.m. on Mondays; start date TBA; \$40 per person. Advance registration is required.

#### Computer Classes

Brownstown senior citizens can learn computer and Internet basics in the following classes, which meet twice a week for three weeks.

- Introduction to Computers (computer basics for beginners or those who want to brush up their skills),
- Introduction to Microsoft Word (learn to create a document, including tips on setting and adjusting margins, changing fonts, editing text, and more; requires basic computer skills), and
- Beginning Internet (learn to navigate the Internet, use a search engine, and more; requires basic computer skills).

Cost for each class is \$40. To attend the next available session, put your name on the waiting list at the Recreation desk.

#### Pleasure Seekers Seek New Members The Brownstown Pleasure Seekers social club is looking for new members inter-

ested in making friends and having a good time. The group, which meets from 1 to 3 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month, sponsors four senior dinner-dances a year along with other events.

Membership - open to all Downriver senior citizens ages 55 and up - is \$10 per year, plus a onetime \$2 charge for a name tag. To learn more about joining, see treasurer Helen St. Louis at one of the club's regular meetings.

#### **Shopping Trips**

For a transportation cost of just \$1, Brownstown seniors can ride the Center's bus to shop at the following destinations:

- Meijer (1 p.m. on Tuesday, May 20),
- Kroger (11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 28), and
- Family Dollar (11 a.m. on Tuesday, May

Reserve a seat in person or by phone at least 24 hours in advance.

Regular programs offered by the Center include:

- euchre (Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m.),
- quilting (Wednesdays, 9 a.m.),
- blood-pressure checks (first Thursdays,
- exercise (Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 10 a.m.; \$.25 donation/class).

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#### Caregivers Support Group Forming

Do you need support in caring for an aging parent, spouse, family member, or friend? Then Nancy Coman of the Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency encourages you to join a new support group that is now forming to help caregivers cope through the sharing of experiences, emotions, ideas, and valuable information.

The group will meet at the Romulus Senior Center on Tuesday, May 27, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and thereafter on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

Contact Coman at 313-843-2550, ext. 233, with any inquiries.

#### Go, Tigers!

The Senior Center bus will be traveling to Comerica Park on Thursday, May 22, to see the Detroit Tigers (hopefully!) defeat the Seattle Mariners.

Tickets are \$15. Sign up at the Center. **Shopping Trips** 

Romulus seniors are invited to ride the Center's bus, free of charge, to shop at Meijer/Southland on June 2; Wal-Mart on June 9; and Kmart on June 16. Transportation departs from the Center at 9:30 a.m.

Reservations are accepted on a firstcome/first-served basis.

#### Regular Programs

Free or low-cost weekly programs offered at the Romulus Senior Center include:

- bunco (Tuesdays, 1 p.m.),
- bingo (Wednesdays, 1 p.m.),
- fun night (Wednesdays, 5 p.m.),
- game day (Thursdays, 1 p.m.),
- quilting (Thursdays, 6 p.m.), and walking club (Fridays, 1 p.m.).

#### Hot Lunches

Don't forget that the Senior Center serves a hot lunch at 11:30 a.m. each weekday (except for holidays) for a suggested donation of only \$2.25.

Call by noon at least one business day in advance to make your reservation.

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Taylor seniors can also purchase individual day passes for just \$6.75.

The RAC - located at 35765 Northline - is open Monday through Saturday from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Call 734-942-2223 for info.

#### Watercolor Workshop

A watercolor workshop will be offered at the Center each Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon and from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$7 plus supplies (bring your own or buy from the teacher for \$1.50 per week).

#### Wood-carvers Meet

Local wood-carvers meet at the Ford Senior Center every Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. Anyone interested in taking up this hobby, either again or for the first time, is welcome to stop in and see what it's all about.

#### **Blood Pressure Checks**

Stop in at the Center for a free blood pressure check between 8:30 and 11 a.m. on Tuesday, May 20, and Tuesday, May 27.

#### **GARAGE SALE BENEFITS BREAST CANCER WALK**

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